

June 26, 2003

REGIONALISM AD HOC
COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 3

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

- 1. RESOLVED, that the following items are hereby received and filed.
 - a.

Item	Page	-2002	(Intro. 4-4)
WEINSTEIN: Requesting State Authorization for Municipally-Owned Casino Gambling in Downtown Buffalo.			
(5-0)			
 - b.

Item	Page	-2002	(Comm. 14M-8)
BUFFALO NIAGARA PARTNERSHIP: Who Does What? Advocacy Progress Buffalo Niagara NOW May/June 2002.			
(5-0)			
 - c.

Item	Page	-2002	(Comm. 19E-2)
MARINELLI: Letter to US Secretary of the Interior Re: Opposition to Bringing Casino Gambling to Buffalo.			
(5-0)			
 - d.

Item	Page	-2003	(Comm. 1E-2)
COMPTROLLER: Letter to Various City & County Elected Officials Re: Merging Functions of City Comptroller’s Office with County Comptroller’s Office.			
(5-0)			
 - e.

Item	Page	-2003	(Comm. 1M-5)
ERIE-NIAGARA REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP: 2002 Year-End Report.			
(5-0)			
 - f.

Item	Page	-2003	(Intro. 1-5)
FISHER & MARINELLI: Support for a Study of the Possible Consolidation of the City and County Comptroller Offices.			
(5-0)			
 - g.

Item	Page	-2003	(Comm. 3M-5)
NIAGARA BINATIONAL REGION ECONOMIC ROUNDTABLE: Realizing a Vibrant Niagara Binational Region.			
(5-0)			
 - h.

Item	Page	-2003	(Comm. 5E-1)
COMPTROLLER: Copy of Letter to Acting Comptroller City of Buffalo Re: Information Request.			
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- i. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 5M-5)
ACTING COMPTROLLER CITY OF BUFFALO: Copy of Letter to Deputy Comptroller
 Erie County Re: Information Request.
 (5-0)
- j. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 8M-4)
NFTA: Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 3/31/04 & 5 Year Plan.
 (5-0)
- k. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 10E-8)
SWANICK: Copy of Letter to Kevin Gaughan Re: Meeting of Leaders to Discuss Issues
 Affecting Buffalo-Niagara Region.
 (5-0)
1. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 10M-5)
ERIE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS: Letter Re: Funding Request for
 Study of Education in Erie County.
 (5-0)

2. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 12E-43)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
 WHEREAS, The County of Erie, desires to fund the State University at Buffalo's Institute for
 Local Governance and Regional Growth; and

WHEREAS, The Institute has performed work for Erie County to develop a regional economic
 development database; and

WHEREAS, Erie County has provided seed money to fund this effort in years 1999, 2000,
 2001 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, This will be the last year that funding is sought for this project from Erie County;
 and

WHEREAS, The expansion of the activity will assist the County and the Buffalo Niagara
 Enterprise in its efforts to attract new businesses and jobs to Erie County and Western New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with the State
 University at Buffalo's Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth, in amounts not to exceed
 a total of \$137,000, for the purpose of continuing the preparation and operation of the Regional
 Economic Development Database; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the source of these funds shall be \$137,000 available in the
 Regionalism/Economic Development Fund, DAC 110 904 303 830 1299, which will transferred to a

separate sub-account under Agency Payments monitored by the Department of Environment and Planning, General Fund 110, Project 922, Department 302, Account 830; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this will be the last year of Erie County funding for this project as it transitions to funding from other sources; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Comptroller, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning and the County Attorney.

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3. Item Page -2003 (Comm. 12E-46)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, The County of Erie, desires to assist in funding efforts to continue the activities of Bufflink as it endeavors to help grow the County and region's economy in the life sciences field; and

WHEREAS, Bufflink was created in 2000 as a not-for-profit organization and has created a life sciences strategic business development plan; and

WHEREAS, Bufflink has assisted over 50 new start-up entrepreneurs and researchers and helped created the Entrepreneurial Services Network; and

WHEREAS, The following entities have agreed to contribute to this effort: the John R. Oshei Foundation, the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation and the First Niagara Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The continuation of the activity of Bufflink will assist the County and the region in their efforts to attract new biotechnology businesses and jobs to Erie County and Western New York,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into contracts with Bufflink, in amounts not to exceed a total of \$100,000, for the purpose of promoting business development, marketing and promoting the life sciences in the County and region; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the source of these funds shall be \$100,000 available in the Regionalism/Economic Development Fund, DAC 110 904 303 830 1299, which will be transferred to a separate sub-account under Agency Payments monitored by the Department of Environment and Planning, General Fund 110, Project 922, Department 302, Account 830; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature be directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Comptroller, the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning and the County Attorney.

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BARRY A. WEINSTEIN, M.D.
CHAIRMAN